

Deputy Comptroller

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Office of General Counsel

Reimbursement of Army Officer Personnel for the Cost of
Privately Procured Transportation

Ref : Your memorandum of 18 February 1954, Subject: 32 OG 376
(B-110752) and 32 OG 373 (B-109410)

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1. The referenced memorandum requests an opinion from this office as to the propriety of the reimbursement of Army officer personnel for "privately procured transportation." From the reference by the memorandum to CIA Regulation No. [REDACTED] and to a certain two opinions of the Comptroller General (32 OG 376 and 32 OG 373), I assume the "privately procured transportation" to mean taxicabs used by Army officer personnel in and around the city of Washington. A subsequent phone conversation with you confirmed this assumption.

2. This same subject has been dealt with in a memorandum from this office to the Chief, Finance Division, dated 9 July 1953, entitled "Reimbursement of Military Personnel Assigned to this Agency for Money Spent in Taxicabs Incurred Incident to the Conduct of Agency Business." In that opinion we held that "military personnel attached to this Agency properly may be reimbursed for taxi fares incurred by them incident to the discharge of their duties in and around Washington so long as the use of such taxis is necessary because of the urgency of the business involved or of the necessity of maintenance of security."

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3. Providing that the use of taxicabs in and around the city of Washington by Army officer personnel attached to, or on duty with, this Agency conforms to the standards indicated by the underlined portion of the preceding quotation, it is the opinion of this office that such personnel properly may be reimbursed for taxi fares so incurred.

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